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SYNOPSIS

Provides temporary extension of service life of school buses for one year; authorizes chief administrator to provide additional extensions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the retirement of vehicles used for pupil
2 transportation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. For the first school year following the effective date of this
8 act, the retirement date of school buses provided by section 1 of
9 P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206
10 (C.39:3B-5.2) shall be extended by one year.

11 b. For the second through seventh school years following the
12 effective date of this act, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
13 Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner
14 of Education, may allow an additional year of service for any
15 school bus used for pupil transportation purposes in the prior school
16 year that is required to be retired pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1983,
17 c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-
18 5.2), provided any inspections of the school bus determine that the
19 school bus may safely be used for pupil transportation.

20 c. If, in any year, the chief administrator determines to allow a
21 school bus to be operated for additional years of service for pupil
22 transportation purposes pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the
23 chief administrator shall provide a report to the Governor and,
24 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the
25 Legislature that contains the following information:

26 (1) the number of school buses in the State authorized to operate
27 beyond the statutory service life provided by section 1 of P.L.1983,
28 c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-
29 5.2);

30 (2) the rationale for allowing school buses to be operated for
31 additional years of service pursuant to subsection b. of this section;

32 (3) any data or information that the chief administrator used to
33 determine whether to allow school buses to be operated for
34 additional years of service pursuant to subsection b. of this section;
35 and

36 (4) any other information the chief administrator determines is
37 necessary or appropriate to relay to the Governor and the
38 Legislature concerning pupil transportation and school bus safety in
39 the State.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill provides a temporary extension of the service life of
47 schools buses for the first school year following enactment of the
48 bill. Under the bill, the service life of certain school buses would

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1 be extended from 12 years, 15 years, and 20 years to 13 years, 16
2 years, and 21 years, depending on the type of school bus, for the
3 first school year following enactment.

4 Thereafter, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
5 Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in consultation with the
6 Commissioner of Education, is authorized to provide one-year
7 extensions for any school bus used for pupil transportation services
8 in the prior school year. This would allow, for the seventh school
9 year following enactment, the service life of certain school buses to
10 be extended to a maximum of 19 years, 22 years, and 27 years,
11 depending on the type of school bus.

12 For any year that the chief administrator exercises the option to
13 extend the service life of school buses, the chief administrator is
14 required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature
15 concerning the extension.